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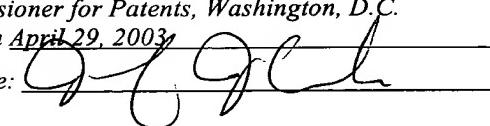
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OF CATARACT FORMATION

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RESPONSE TO JANUARY 29, 2003 OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the present response to the January 29, 2003 Office Action for entry into the above-identified application. Applicants thank Examiner Delacroix-Muirheid for graciously extending the opportunity to interview the case with her on April 23, 2003.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 10 and 27 as follows.
(All pending claims are listed.)

1. A method of reducing the risk of cataract development in a mammal

comprising administering to the mammal an effective amount of a tetracycline derivative.

2. A method according to Claim 1, wherein said tetracycline derivative is a non-
antimicrobial tetracycline.

3. A method according to Claim 1, wherein said tetracycline derivative is a
dedimethylaminotetracycline.

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